

57. The burgess shall qualify as directed by section 6 of article sixty-eight of the code; each commissioner and every other officer who shall be directed by ordinance to do so, shall before he enters upon the duties of his office take and subscribe the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of \_\_\_\_\_ to the best of my judgment and ability, without favor, affection or partiality."

58. The commissioners, or a majority of them, may appoint their own clerk, prescribe his duties, and allow him such compensation as they may think proper.

59. The clerk shall enter all ordinances passed by the commissioners in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of any person interested; the burgess shall sign all ordinances, and copies thereof shall be put up in the most public places in the town.

60. The commissioners shall meet upon the business of the town at least three times in every year, and four commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; they may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as they may by ordinance provide.

61. The commissioners shall have power to enact and pass, subject to the approval of the burgess, all laws and ordinances necessary to preserve the peace and good order of the town; to preserve the health thereof, to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases therein, and within one mile of the town; to prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent and extinguish fires; to regulate fire companies; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach of their by-laws and ordinances; to regulate party walls and partition fences; to provide for licensing and regulating the sweeping or burning of chimneys, and fixing the rates thereof; to restrain and prohibit gaming; to provide for licensing and regulating or restraining theatrical or other public exhibitions or amusements within the town and within one mile thereof; to regulate and tax dogs, and, in all cases when the public safety may so require, to prevent them from going at large; to regulate and prevent horses and hogs from going at large in said town; to pass all ordinances necessary for paving or otherwise improving and keeping in repair the streets, lanes, alleys, and footways thereof, and to lay and collect an equal tax upon the personal and real estate within